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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications: 09/093,120, filed June 8, 1998; 09/134,686 and 09/134,687, both filed on August 14, 1998 and 09/134,688, filed August 14, 1998 (the parent to this application) and 09/344,758, filed June 25, 1999.

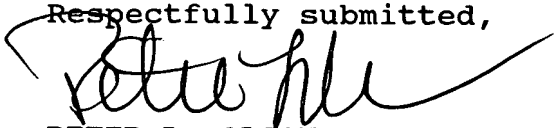
United States Patent Nos. 3,747,086; 3,790,945; 4,442,507; 4,578,654; 4,598,276; 4,745,401; 4,796,074; 5,083,112; 5,095,362; 5,296,722; 5,331,313; 5,347,280; 5,378,880; 5,407,851; 5,517,195; 5,521,601; 5,528,222; 5,541,604; 5,550,547; 5,565,846; 5,625,341; and 5,682,143;

European Patent Nos. 0 494 114 A2; 0 585 132 A1; 0 598 624 A1 and 0 615 285 A2 and PCT Publication Nos. WO 97/36270 and WO 99/05660 are referenced in the present application. The remaining documents are generally relevant to the state of the art.

Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is PTO Form FB-A820 listing each of the above references.

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